

roduced Lieutenant-Governor James N. Browning, who said:

"Senators, Representatives, Ladies and Gentlemen:

"I am profoundly grateful to the people of Texas for the distinguished honor conferred in electing me to this high position of trust and confidence. I am also deeply impressed with the importance of the duties and responsibilities of the office, and shall do my best at all times to discharge and perform faithfully and impartially each and every one of those obligations according to the best of my skill and understanding, and in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the country."

Speaker Sherrill then announced that the business of the Joint Session was concluded, whereupon on motion of Senator McGee, the Senate retired to its chamber.

AFTER JOINT SESSION—IN SENATE.

(Ex-Lieutenant-Governor Jester in the chair.)

The Chair made a few happy remarks, bidding adieu to the Senate as its presiding officer, and assuring the Senators of his appreciation of their uniform courtesy to himself and his continued high regard for them, closing by introducing his successor, Hon. J. N. Browning, Lieutenant-Governor, who in a few happy remarks accepted the gavel, at the close of which,

Senator Stafford addressed the Chair as follows:

"At the request of your friends in Cooke county, I have the honor to present to you an article of your own handiwork, made in the year 1867. It is always pleasant to mature manhood to recall the incidents of childhood. Doubtless you can now look back o'er the lapse of thirty-two years and review all the incidents connected with your home on the Nelson farm in Cooke county, your hardships and your joys, your hopes and your fears. As this clapboard is a token of the esteem in which you are held by an individual citizen of this State for whom you worked, may your official acts be ever held in grateful remembrance by the entire citizenship of Texas whom you now serve."

Lieutenant-Governor Browning responded as follows:

"FELLOW SENATORS: I am at a loss for words to properly express myself on this occasion. This token of respect and esteem, crude as it is, comes from one of my dearest friends, 'Uncle Bob' Nelson of Cooke county for whom I worked thirty-two years ago, when I was a boy.

I remember well, the time when I made some boards on his farm in 1867, and he certifies that this clap-board is one of the number which I made for him at that time. As I hold so firm and warm a place in his affections I trust that I may hold a like place in the hearts and affections of the people of this State. He gives evidence of my faithfulness while laboring for him on his farm, and I hope that I may be inspired therefrom to so discharge my official duties as to receive from the people their testimony of my fidelity and earnestness while laboring in their behalf."

Senator Gough moved that the Senate go into Executive Session tomorrow morning after call.

So ordered.

On motion of Senator James, the Senate adjourned to 10 a. m. tomorrow.

SEVENTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Tex., Wednesday, Jan. 18, 1899.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant-Governor Browning in the chair.

Roll called. Quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Atlee.	Morriss.
Burns.	Neal.
Davidson.	Odell.
Dibrell.	Potter.
Goss.	Ross.
Gough.	Sebastian.
Greer.	Stafford.
Grinnan.	Stone.
James.	Terrell.
Johnson.	Turney.
Kerr.	Wayland.
Lloyd.	Yantis.
McGee.	Yett.
Miller.	

Absent.

Lewis.

Absent—Excused.

Hanger.

Patterson.

Linn.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Denison.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday,

On motion of Senator Ross, the same was dispensed with.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Senator Grinnan:

Senate bill No. 42, A bill to be entitled

"An Act to punish persons for driving cattle out of any county without first having the same inspected."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Stock and Stock-raising.

By Senator Lloyd:

Senate bill No. 43, A bill to be entitled "An Act to appropriate \$150,000.00 (one hundred and fifty thousand dollars) to build and maintain a cotton or woolen manufactory or both within the walls of the Rusk Penitentiary, and to buy necessary machinery therefor."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Penitentiaries.

By Senator Potter:

Senate bill No. 44, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 4, of Chapter 5, of the Acts of the Special Session of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, approved June 16, 1897."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Finance.

Call concluded.

INVITATION.

At the direction of the Chair the following was read:

Headquarters National Live Stock Association,
Denver, Colo., Jan. 13, 1899.

To the Honorable President of the Senate, Austin, Texas.

DEAR SIR: I take pleasure in advising you that the Second Annual Convention of the National Live Stock Association of the United States will be held in Denver, January 24th to 27th, inclusive, and I am instructed by the executive committee of this organization to extend an urgent invitation to the Senate and House of Representatives of Texas to be present on this occasion. We respectfully urge your immediate attention and reply to this invitation; especially from the fact that a great many men who are engaged in some branch of the live stock industry are either members of your assembly, or interested in some proposed legislation which will make it impossible for them to be here unless your Legislature adjourns for that week.

The objects of this organization are well known and its growth during one year has been phenomenal. Its primary aim is to centralize all of the live stock interests in the United States into a national organization.

We shall attempt at the coming convention to agree upon the uniform brand law for the entire western country, for a uniform bounty law, for appropriate legislation with reference to the relation

of the United States and old Mexico, and many other questions peculiarly interesting to men engaged in growing or handling live stock.

Denver has extended a very cordial invitation to the representatives of all the great live stock organizations of the country to be present. We believe the railroads will grant us a low rate, with a twenty day limit. The hotels have also given reduced rates and there will be "free and unlimited" entertainment for all guests attending.

As several of the assemblies of Western States are seriously considering the proposition to attend, we sincerely trust your honorable body will find it advisable as well as convenient, to accept our invitation.

Yours very truly,

John W. Springer, President.

C. F. Martin, Recording Secretary.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGE.

The following message was received from the Governor, to wit:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
STATE OF TEXAS.

Austin, January 18, 1899.

To the Senate.

The advice and consent of the Senate is hereby respectfully asked to the following appointments:

Secretary of State, D. H. Hardy of McLennan county.

Assistant Attorney-General, Robert A. John of Williamson county.

Adjutant General, Thos. Scurry of Dallas county.

Superintendent of Penitentiaries, J. S. Rice of Tyler county.

Assistant Superintendent of Penitentiaries at Huntsville, J. C. Smither of Walker county.

Assistant Superintendent of Penitentiaries at Rusk, W. M. Lacy of Anderson county.

Financial Agent for Penitentiaries, W. M. C. Hill of Dallas county.

Commissioner of Insurance, Statistics, History, etc. Jefferson Johnson of Travis county.

State Revenue Agent, Joe Lee Jameson of Bexar county.

Superintendent of Public Buildings, Grounds, etc., Sam D. Harlan of Travis county.

Respectfully,

JOSEPH D. SAYERS.

As per order of the Senate on yesterday, the morning call being concluded, the Senate went into Executive Session.

AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION.

In executive session the following confirmations were had:

D. H. Hardy of McLennan county, Secretary of State, and Thos. Scurry of Dallas county, Adjutant General.

On motion of Senator Johnson, the Senate took a recess till 11:50 a. m.

AFTER RECESS.

Lieutenant-Governor Browning in the chair.

Roll called. Quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Atlee.	Miller.
Burns.	Morriss.
Davidson.	Neal.
Dibrell.	Odell.
Goss.	Potter.
Gough.	Ross.
Greer.	Sebastian.
Grinnan.	Stafford.
James.	Terrell.
Johnson.	Turney.
Kerr.	Wayland.
Lloyd.	Yantis.
McGee.	Yett.

Absent.

Lewis.	Stone.
Hanger.	Absent—Excused.
Linn.	Patterson.

On motion of Senator Miller, tomorrow after morning call was fixed as the hour for the Senate to go into Executive Session to consider the appointments of the Governor.

The Chair announced that the hour had arrived for the Senate, in accordance with Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2, heretofore adopted, to proceed to the Hall of the House of Representatives, to meet in joint session for the purpose of receiving and accepting gavels to be presented by the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, and accordingly the Senate repaired to the Hall of the House.

IN JOINT SESSION.

The Senators were seated along the aisle in chairs already prepared for them, while Lieutenant-Governor Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate, and Chaplain W. C. Denson were invited to seats on the rostrum with the Speaker.

The President announced a quorum of the Senate present.

The Speaker announced a quorum of the House present.

Prayer by Rev. W. C. Denson, Chaplain of the Senate.

The Speaker then announced the two Houses in joint session for the purpose

set forth in the following Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 3:

Whereas, the Daughters of the Republic of Texas have signified their desire to present a gavel to the President of the Senate and one to the Speaker of the House of Representatives on Wednesday, January 18, at high noon; and

Whereas, It is deemed more convenient that these presentations be made in Joint Session of the two Houses; therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, that said bodies meet in Joint Session in the Representative Hall at high noon on Wednesday, January 18, for the purpose herein indicated;

Which was adopted by the House on January 16th.

The W. B. Travis Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic then appeared at the bar of the House, and being duly announced were invited to enter the Hall and occupy seats already prepared for them on the left of the Speaker's stand.

They were accompanied by Ex-Governor F. R. Lubbock, Hon. Guy M. Bryan, and J. M. Hill, a veteran of the battle of San Jacinto.

The Joint Session rose and remained standing while they advanced into the Hall.

Ex-Governor Lubbock, then, on part of the W. B. Travis Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic, presented, with appropriate remarks, to Lieutenant-Governor Browning, a gavel made from timber taken from the yard at Columbia, Brazoria county, Texas, where the first session of the Congress of the Republic of Texas was held.

Lieutenant-Governor Browning in accepting the gavel said:

"Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Senators and Representatives.

"It has been truthfully said that 'The Republic of Texas was born 'mid the clash of arms and rocked in the cradle of war.' When that little band of patriots promulgated the Declaration of Independence of Texas, and established a provisional government for the direction of its governmental affairs, the Republic of Texas became a political entity; but it had neither credit, money or other means with which to organize, equip and maintain an army for its defense. However, it was then, as now, a country of limitless resources and its brave men, hardly waiting for a call, sprang into line and thus formed the army for the protection of the people and the preservation of the Republic. These soldiers

were without uniform, and no military uniforms, or beautifully burnished brass buttons, nor glittering shoulder straps indicated the rank or authority of their officers. On the contrary, these officers often appeared in tattered clothes, such as the common soldiers wore. No wail of indignation was ever heard to go up from that army of brave and noble men that they had been 'forced to live on nothing but hard-tack, bacon and coffee for three days,' because some shipping officer, whose duty it was to forward provisions to the army, had neglected to properly attend to his duties. No, these soldiers had to 'forage' for their provisions and often had to go hungry. They went forth to battle for a purpose, and were inspired to greater efforts by the noble and patriotic women of this new country that were left behind to keep the vigils of the rude frontier home. Every day and every night a prayer from each of these good and true women went up to the God, who ruled the universe, to make their army victorious in the great and unequal struggle. The women of the Republic of Texas, as well as the soldiers, underwent many privations and hardships, the greater part of which forms a part of the unwritten history of the country. Having such inspiration and encouragement these men could do nothing else but fight until death overcame them, and hence, the success of the Texas army. Today only a few of those patriotic women are left among us, and they, and their daughters and granddaughters are among us to inspire and urge us on to great and heroic deeds. While we have no actual war for them to encourage us to fight in, yet we do have a constant war between right and wrong going on in our hearts, and I trust that the inspiration to do right for our country's good may reach every Representative and Senator in this Legislature.

"In receiving this token from these noble women, I do so with much fear and trepidation lest I should fall short of what they expect of me, but I am inspired and trust that whatever may be under consideration I may be led by it to do the right, and to wield this gavel in respect of and defense of the people's best interests.

"Daughters of the Republic, you are engaged in a noble enterprise. I see that the patriotism still burns in your hearts to perpetuate the heroic deeds of the noble and courageous men of Texas and you have much to do. So far as I am concerned, I pledge you my undivided assistance in aiding you in your grand and noble work. You are engaged, as I said before, in something that would have

been overlooked by the men. Historians may write the history of the country, but it takes women like you to see that the heroes' graves are properly marked, so that our young men may be reminded of their great deeds, when they look upon their graves. The soil of Texas has been made richer with the blood of its brave men and heroes. I trust that Texas may never have to engage in war again, but if it does I want to assure you that the young men will rise, as one man, in defense of this great country and defend you and your homes from any and every foe from whatever country they may come. I thank you for this beautiful present on this occasion."

Ex-Governor Lubbock, then, on part of the Daughters of the Republic, with appropriate remarks, presented a gavel to Speaker Sherrill.

Speaker Sherrill in accepting the gavel said:

"Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Senators and Representatives."

"In accepting this beautiful token of esteem and kindness from the Daughters of the Republic, Wm. B. Travis Chapter of the State of Texas, I feel truly grateful. First, for the motive that prompted this courteous compliment from a band of women representing the heroes of a struggle unequalled in the annals of nations; for this historic instrument fashioned from a relic of our old capitol and adorned with silver plate from the renowned family of Mrs. Rebecca J. Fisher; and lastly, for the honor conferred on all Texas through one of her humblest representatives.

"This emblem of power and authority is no scepter to be wielded by a despot czar, no crown to be worn by a tyrant king, but a simple gavel, symbolizing the royal power of a mighty and a noble people. It shall be used without malice or partisanship—with justice and equity to all.

"To you, sir, presenting this token from the ladies, I am profoundly grateful for the privilege of accepting it from the hands of one who stands today a proud monument of the heroic past, an exalted citizen of the glorious present, one who formed part of the inner circle around the great chieftain of the 'Lost Cause' and took an active part in that mightiest struggle of modern times.

"Please express to the noble ladies my sincere thanks for this valuable memento."

Ex-Governor Lubbock then addressing, by request, the Daughters of the Republic, with appropriate remarks, returned thanks on part of the President and the Speaker.

The Speaker announced the business of the Joint Session concluded, and on motion of Senator Goss, the Senate retired to its chamber.

IN SENATE.

HOUSE MESSAGE.

Hall of the House of Representatives.
Austin, Texas, Jan. 17, 1899.

Hon. Geo. T. Jester, President of the Senate.

I am directed by the House to inform the Senate of the passage of the following House Concurrent Resolution No. 3.

Inviting Hon. Wm. J. Bryan of Nebraska, to visit the capitol and address the House of Representatives and Senate of the State of Texas.

Respectfully,

LEE J. ROUNTREE,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Senator Ross called up House Concurrent Resolution No. 3, (see House message above) and moved its adoption, to-wit:

House Concurrent Resolution No. 2.

Whereas, We are advised through the press that Hon. William Jennings Bryan, of Nebraska, will visit this State on or about the 19th of the present month, therefore be it

Resolved, By the House of Representatives of the State of Texas, the Senate concurring, that a committee of three be appointed by the Speaker, who shall, in conjunction with a similar committee to be appointed by the President of the Senate, extend to Mr. Bryan the cordial greeting of the Legislature, and an invitation to visit the Capitol, and address the members of the House and Senate in joint session.

Adopted, and the Chair appointed on part of the Senate, Senators Potter, Terrell and Miller.

By unanimous consent, Senator Dibrell offered the following:

Resolved, That Senate Committee Room No. 1, now occupied by the Board of Pardons, be set aside for the Committee on Finance, and that the Sergeant-at-Arms be requested to clear said room of rubbish and prepare same for said committee.

Resolution read and adopted.

On motion of Senator Morriss, the Senate adjourned to 10 a. m. tomorrow.

EIGHTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Tex., Thursday, Jan. 19, 1899.
Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant-Governor Browning in the chair.

Roll called. Quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Atlee.	Miller.
Davidson.	Morriss.
Dibrell.	Neal.
Goss.	Odell.
Gough.	Potter.
Greer.	Ross.
Grinnan.	Sebastian.
James.	Stafford.
Johnson.	Terrell.
Kerr.	Turney.
Linn.	Wayland.
Lloyd.	Yantis.
McGee.	Yett.

Absent.

Burns. Stone.

Absent—Excused.
Hanger. Patterson.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Denson.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday,

On motion of Senator McGee, the same was dispensed with.

EXCUSED.

On motion of Senator Miller, Senator Lewis was excused indefinitely from yesterday on account of important business.

ASSIGNMENT OF COMMITTEE CLERKS.

The following assignment to duty of the Senate Committee Clerks, was announced by the Chair:

Otto D. H. Pfeuffer—No. 1; Finance and Judicial Districts; Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:30 p. m.

W. J. Bullock—State Affairs, Mondays 4 p. m.; Military Affairs, subject to call; Agricultural Affairs; Treasurer's and Comptroller's Offices; Rules; subject to call.

F. B. Hughes—No. 6; Judiciary No. 1, Tuesdays and Thursdays; Public Lands and Land Office; Insurance, Statistics and History.

M. L. Goodwin—No. 4; Penitentiaries, Mondays and Thursdays 5 p. m.; Public Health; Contingent Expenses; Asylums.

H. E. J. McDermott—No. 5; Judiciary No. 2, Mondays and Wednesdays; Towns and City Corporations; Labor, Saturdays 3 o'clock.

G. C. Morriss—No. 3; Educational, Wednesdays and Fridays 3 p. m.; Constitutional Amendments, subject to call; Public Debts; Claims and Accounts;